

NOVEMBER 4, 2008, GENERAL ELECTION PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE STATEMENT GUIDELINES



CANDIDATE STATEMENT GUIDELINES

- ❑ The text of the statement shall not exceed 250 words. Word count standards are governed by Elections Code § 9.
- ❑ The statement should be typewritten, double-spaced, and in standard paragraph style. Do not use bullets, tables, lists, or other material requiring indentation.
- ❑ Words that are underlined, in italics, in bold, or in all upper-case letters will be typeset in italics.
- ❑ The statement may not make reference to any opponent of the candidate.
- ❑ The candidate statement shall be accompanied by a declaration that the statement being submitted is true and correct and shall be attested to and signed by the candidate.

FURTHER INFORMATION

- ❑ Presidential candidate statements must be filed and received by the Secretary of State's Elections Division **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 28, 2008.**
- ❑ The candidate statement may be submitted via fax or e-mail by the deadline with an original copy to be received within 5 business days. Faxed copies may be sent to (916) 653-3214. Candidate statements may be e-mailed to jana.lean@sos.ca.gov.
- ❑ The original copy of the Presidential candidate statement shall be filed with the Secretary of State's Elections Division at 1500 11th Street - Fifth Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 – Attention: Jana Lean.
- ❑ Should the Office of the Secretary of State disqualify any statement based on these provisions, the Secretary of State shall immediately notify the candidate of the specific objections. The candidate may address the objections by making appropriate changes.
- ❑ A statement may be entirely withdrawn but will not be changed once it is filed.
- ❑ No statement filed shall be made public or shall be available for viewing until all of the candidate statements are launched on the November 4, 2008, General Election Voter Information Guide website. All candidates who provide an e-mail address on their Candidate Information Form will be notified when the website is launched in early-September.

NOVEMBER 4, 2008, GENERAL ELECTION PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE STATEMENT CONTACT INFORMATION



The following form shall be used for Presidential candidate statements submitted to the Office of the Secretary of State for inclusion on the California Voter Information Guide official website for the November 4, 2008, General Election. This form must be submitted to the Secretary of State's Elections Division **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 28, 2008.**

- ☐ A maximum of 250 words may be used. Word count standards shall be pursuant to Elections Code § 9.
- ☐ All statements should be typewritten, double-spaced, and in standard paragraph style. Do not use bullets, tables, lists, or other material requiring indentation.
- ☐ Words that are underlined, in italics, in bold, or in all upper-case letters will be typeset in italics.
- ☐ The statement may not make reference to any opponent of the candidate.
- ☐ Please refer to the section in this packet entitled "Guidelines" for a complete list of requirements.

Candidate's Name: _____

Political Party: _____

The following optional information will appear with your candidate statement (**this information is not included in the 250 word count**):

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: () _____

E-mail: _____

Website: _____

IMPORTANT: PERSON TO CONTACT REGARDING CANDIDATE STATEMENT

The telephone and facsimile numbers and email address for the candidate's contact person are critical to ensure communication between the candidate and Elections Division staff. **This information will not appear on the California Voter Information Guide website:**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Cell: _____ Fax: _____

NOVEMBER 4, 2008, GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATE STATEMENT FORM



Candidate's Name: _____

Political Party: _____

Please sign and attach this form to the Candidate Statement.

The undersigned author of the attached candidate statement hereby declares that he/she has read, fully understands, and will comply with the requirements contained in this packet and that the candidate statement submitted herewith is true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge.

Signature

Date

NOVEMBER 4, 2008, GENERAL ELECTION PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE STATEMENT WORD COUNT STANDARDS



Each word shall be counted as one word, except as specified in this section.

1. Punctuation is not counted.
2. All geographical names shall be considered as one word; for example, "City and County of San Francisco" and "Los Angeles" shall be counted as one word.
3. Each abbreviation for a word, phrase or expression shall be counted as one word; for example, "ACLU" or "UCLA" shall be counted as one word.
4. Hyphenated words that appear in any generally available standard reference dictionary, published in the United States at any time within the 10 calendar years immediately preceding the election for which the words are counted, shall be considered as one word. Each part of all other hyphenated words shall be counted as a separate word.
5. Dates consisting of a combination of words and digits shall be counted as two words. Dates consisting only of a combination of digits shall be counted as one word.
6. Any number consisting of a digit or digits shall be considered as one word. Any number that is spelled, such as "one," shall be considered as a separate word or words. "One" shall be counted as one word, where "one hundred" shall be counted as two words. "100" shall be counted as one word. The following combinations are counted as one word: 1994, 25%, #5.
7. Telephone numbers shall be counted as one word.
8. Internet web site addresses shall be counted as one word.
9. Monetary amounts will be counted as one word; for example, "\$1,000,000" shall be counted as one word.

See California Elections Code § 9